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SUBJECT:DEFECTION OF MIG-25 PILOT - PRECEDENTS FOR
RETENTION OF AIRCRAFT AND PARTS

1. A QUICK REVIEW WITH EUR/SOV ABOUT PAST INCIDENTS INVOLVING FOREIGN AIRCRAFT IN THE SOVIET UNION OR SOVIET AIRCRAFT IN OTHER COUNTRIES HAS PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING LIST THAT YOU MAY FIND USEFUL IN DISCUSSING WITH GOJ THE HANDLING OF THE MIG-25 IN HOKKAIDO.

-- THE US U-2 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN OVER THE USSR IN 1960.
PARTS OF THE AIRCRAFT ARE NOW DISPLAYED PUBLICLY IN THE
SOVIET ARMED FORCES MUSEUM IN MOSCOW;

-- A T-39 US TRAINING AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE SOVIETS OVER
EAST GERMANY IN 1964. THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOT RETURNED TO THE
US;

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-- A US RB-66 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN OVER EAST GERMANY IN 1964.

THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOT RETURNED TO THE US;

-- A SOVIET YAK-28 INVOLVED IN A CRASH IN 1966 IN THE
BRITISH SECTOR OF BERLIN. THE BRITISH RETURNED THE AIR-
CRAFT, BUT WITH CERTAIN PARTS MISSING;

-- A PAN AM 727 CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN A CRASH
OUTSIDE WEST BERLIN IN NOVEMBER 1966. THE SOVIETS RE-
TURNED THE AIRCRAFT, MINUS THE FLIGHT RECORDER AND OTHER
EQUIPMENT;

-- A SOVIET MIG-17 AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN A CRASH IN
DILLINGEN, WEST GERMANY ON MAY 25, 1967. THE PILOT WAS
SEEKING TO DEFECT. THE FRG PERMITTED THE US TO TRANSPORT
THE AIRCRAFT TO WIESBADEN AFB FOR TECHNICAL EXPLOITATION.
THE AIRCRAFT WAS RETURNED TO THE SOVIETS SOME TWO WEEKS
LATER WITH THE FOLLOWING PARTS REMOVED: IFF, RADIO TUBES,
AMMUNITION, GUNS, BULLET-PROOF GLASS, SEAT COMPARTMENT,
ENGINE STARTER, GENERATOR UNITS, CONTROL CABLES, OXYGEN
SUPPLY, FUEL PUMPS, ROCKET AND BOMB PYLONS, AND OTHER
ITEMS. IN REPLY TO SOVIET PROTESTS, THE GERMANS INDI-
CATED THAT THEY HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF
THE MISSING PARTS. ROBINSON

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